AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please correct the claims presented by the Examiner's amendment contained in the Notice of Allowance.

1.   (Currently Amended): An information recording method using a file system managing files hierarchically by the files having information and a directory which is a storage place of the files, wherein the file system [[which]] writes the information in and reads the information from a recording medium per cluster, comprising:

recording a predetermined information about a directory entry including an address of a target sector area and a data of the directory entry is first recorded, using a processor, in a work sector area for a backup purpose before performing primary recording of the data of the directory entry to the target sector area, wherein the work sector area is [[[apart]] a part of a boot sector; [[,]] and

recording the number of mountings of the file system, using the processor, in the work sector area,

wherein upon [[the]] completion of writing of the data in the target sector area, the work sector area will be cleared.

2.   (Currently Amended): The information recording method according to claim 1, wherein the work sector area comprises a plurality of sectors, and

wherein the number of mounting<u>s</u> is recorded in ~~a~~ one sector of the work sector area, and

the data of the directory <u>entry</u> is recorded in another sector of the work sector area.

3.   (Previously Presented): The information recording method according to claim 2, wherein

the work sector area is determined when the file system is mounted.

4.   (Canceled)

5.   (Currently Amended): The information recording method according to claim [[4]] <u>1</u>,

wherein the file system is a FAT file system.

6.   (Previously Presented): A device for recording and/or reproducing information, wherein

the information recording method according to any one of claims 1, 2, 3 or 5 is used.

7.   (Currently Amended): An information recording method using a file system managing

files hierarchically by the files having information and a directory which is a storage place of the

files, wherein the file system writes the information in and reads the information from a

recording medium per cluster ~~predetermined unit is used~~, comprising:

        writing a first data of a firs<u>t</u> directory entry, using a processor, in a cluster; and

writing a backup data of the first directory entry, using a processor, in the cluster such that the first data and the backup data written in the cluster are separated from each other by a predetermined offset,

wherein the backup data includes an entire content of the first directory entry, and

wherein the predetermined offset is half size of the cluster.

8.   (Original):   The information recording method according to claim 7, wherein the file system is a FAT file system.

9.   (Currently Amended): The information recording method according to claim 7, wherein the first data and the backup data are written in the cluster of a work sector.

10.   (Previously Presented): A device for recording and/or reproducing information, wherein the information recording method according to any one of claims 7, 8 or 9 is used.

11-20. (Canceled)